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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Walter Elder  
Executive Secretary, NFIB/NFIC

SUBJECT: Department of Labor Bid for NFIB Membership

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached reply to Secretary Donovan.

2. Background: I respectfully suggest that NFIB membership for the Department of Labor is not "timely and appropriate."

If Secretary Donovan will designate a representative, the Executive Secretary, NFIB/NFIC will be pleased to explore with him ways of establishing a beneficial association between Labor and the Intelligence Community.

  
WALTER ELDER

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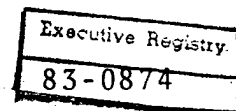
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The Honorable William J. Casey, Chairman  
National Foreign Intelligence Board  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Chairman:

For over thirty years the Department of Labor has been actively involved in international activities in support of U.S. foreign policy objectives. It has played a leading role in U.S. participation in the International Labor Organization and other multinational bodies. As a member of the Board of the Foreign Service it participates in the management of the Foreign Service and also shares with the Department of State in the administration of the labor attache program. The Department has had extensive policy and operational responsibilities relating to foreign trade and investment, technical assistance and cultural exchange activities.

In the field of research and analysis, the Department of Labor has been engaged in continuing programs and special projects relating to international trade union organizations, foreign labor movements, wages and employment, productivity comparisons and human resource development. The Department has published studies on labor in over 75 countries.

In addition to personnel with substantive operational responsibilities, the Department has a special staff of area advisers who maintain expert knowledge of labor and related political and economic developments throughout the world. Our experience and accumulated knowledge in the field of international labor is unmatched by any other governmental agency or academic institution.

With the growing impact of labor developments on U.S. interests abroad, the Department has increased its efforts to analyze these developments, to assess their impact on U.S. interests, and to develop recommendations for actions which may support foreign policy goals and strategies. Expanding communist influence in foreign labor movements and international organizations and the deterioration of labor economic conditions throughout the world pose serious threats to major U.S. political, economic, military and commercial interests.

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Discussions with officials of the National Security Council and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State indicate the need for improved policy-oriented analysis of labor developments abroad. The Department has been encouraged to seek membership on the National Foreign Intelligence Board. This will greatly facilitate our access to the full range of intelligence data necessary for our work and the opportunity to identify gaps that may need to be filled. It will assure that our effort are fully coordinated with and supportive of efforts of other agencies involved in research and analysis. It will enable our special insights and perspectives of domestic and foreign labor to be factored into assessments of foreign developments and the formulation of effective responses.

It is timely and appropriate for the Department of Labor to be granted membership on the National Foreign Intelligence Board, and I seek your favorable consideration of our request. I assure you that the Department will comply fully with the responsibilities and obligations required of all members of the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond J. Donovan

NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Raymond J. Donovan  
Secretary of Labor  
Washington, D. C. 20210

10 MAR 1983

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter of 9 February 1983 serves as a useful reminder about the potential impact of foreign labor developments on certain U.S. policy interests.

I propose that our staffs explore ways to establish a mechanism to ensure an appropriate exchange of views between the Department of Labor and the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Community. The responsibilities of the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB), as specified in Executive Order 12333 and a Director of Central Intelligence Directive, are such that membership for the Department of Labor does not seem to be appropriate.

The work of NFIB is supported by an Intelligence Community committee structure, and association with certain elements of this structure may well be the best way in which to establish a productive relationship.

May I suggest that you designate a representative to work with the Executive Secretary, NFIB (Mr. Walter Elder,  ), on means by which a mutually beneficial relationship may be effected.

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Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Chairman



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Honorable William J. Casey  
Chairman  
National Foreign Intelligence Board  
Washington, D.C. 20505


Dear Bill:

This is in response to your letter of March 10, regarding my request for Department of Labor membership on the National Foreign Intelligence Board.

I am designating Mr. Robert W. Searby, Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs, to work with Mr. Walter Elder. Mr. James F. Taylor, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs will be Mr. Searby's alternate.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Raymond J. Donovan

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